

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

FINAL FILING

Report Required by the Ethics
in Government Act of 1978
(5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111)

1. Person Reporting (last name, first, middle initial) Otero, Samuel J.	2. Court or Organization U.S. District Court	3. Date of Report 04/09/2020
4. Title (Article III judges indicate active or senior status; magistrate judges indicate full- or part-time) U.S. District Judge, Senior	5a. Report Type (check appropriate type) ☐ Nomination ☐ Date ☐ Initial ☐ Annual ☒ Final	6. Reporting Period 01/01/2019 to 04/10/2020
	5b. ☐ Amended Report	
7. Chambers or Office Address United States District Court 350 W. 1st Street, Room 10150 Los Angeles, CA 90012		
IMPORTANT NOTES: The instructions accompanying this form must be followed. Complete all parts, checking the NONE box for each part where you have no reportable information.		

I. POSITIONS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 9-13 of filing instructions)

☐ NONE (No reportable positions.)

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ENTITY</u>
1. Board Member/Officer	Judge Michel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
2. Board Member	Association of Business Trial Lawyers
3.	
4.	
5.	

II. AGREEMENTS. (Reporting individual only; see pp. 14-16 of filing instructions)

☐ NONE (No reportable agreements.)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARTIES AND TERMS</u>
1. 2003	California Judges Retirement Plan; Pension Upon Retirement, Age 63
2. 1988	Los Angeles Employees Retirement Plan; Pension Upon Retirement, Age 55
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III. NON-INVESTMENT INCOME. *(Reporting individual and spouse; see pp. 17-24 of filing instructions)***A. Filer's Non-Investment Income**☐NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>	<u>INCOME</u> (yours, not spouse's)
1. 01/2019	Los Angeles Employee Retirement Pension	\$20,000.00
2. 01/2019	California State Judges Retirement	\$100,000.00
3.		
4.		

B. Spouse's Non-Investment Income - *If you were married during any portion of the reporting year, complete this section.**(Dollar amount not required except for honoraria.)*☐NONE *(No reportable non-investment income.)*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE AND TYPE</u>
1. 01/2019	Los Angeles Unified School District
2.	
3.	
4.	

IV. REIMBURSEMENTS -- *transportation, lodging, food, entertainment.**(Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 25-27 of filing instructions.)*☐NONE *(No reportable reimbursements.)*

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ITEMS PAID OR PROVIDED</u>
1.	Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association	4/26/2019 to 4/28/2019	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	2019 LAIPLA Spring Seminar	Lodging
2.	Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts	7/21/2019 to 7/27/2019	Spokane, Washington	Annual 9th Circuit Judicial Conference	Transportation, lodging, food
3.	Association of Business Trial Lawyers	10/03/2019 to 10/06/2019	La Quinta, CA	ABTL Annual Seminar	Transportation, lodging, food, registration fee
4.	Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts	02/13/2020 to 02/16/2020	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	2020 Judges' Retreat & CACD Conference	Transportation, lodging, food, registration fee
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V. GIFTS. (Includes those to spouse and dependent children; see pp. 28-31 of filing instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable gifts.)

	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1.	Los Angeles IP Inn of Court	Membership	\$850.00
2.			
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VI. LIABILITIES. (Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 32-33 of filing instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable liabilities.)

	<u>CREDITOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE CODE</u>
1.	Wells Fargo	Mortgage (investment property)	O
2.	Union Bank	Mortgage (investment property)	O
3.	U.S. Bank	Mortgage (investment property)	O
4.			
5.			

VII. INVESTMENTS and TRUSTS -- income, value, transactions (Includes those of spouse and dependent children; see pp. 34-60 of filing instructions.)

☐ NONE (No reportable income, assets, or transactions.)

A Description of Assets (including trust assets) Place "(X)" after each asset exempt from prior disclosure	B Income during reporting period		C Gross value at end of reporting period		D Transactions during reporting period				
	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Amount Code 1 (A-H)	Type (e g , div , rent, or int)	Value Code 2 (J-P)	Value Method Code 3 (Q-W)	Type (e g , buy, sell, redemption)	Date mm/dd/yy	Value Code 2 (J-P)	Gain Code 1 (A-H)	Identity of buyer/seller (if private transaction)
1. Aviva Life Insurance Strategy Select	A	Dividend	K	T					
2. Great American Life Insurance	A	Dividend	K	T					
3. Ford Motor (X "common" brokerage account #2)	A	Dividend	J	T					
4. Chase Bank Account Joint	A	Interest	J	T					
5. L.A. Federal Credit Union Accounts	A	Int./Div.	L	T					
6. California Credit Union	A	Interest	J	T					
7. OPG LLC Edgecliff Real Property (Los Angeles, CA) X	E	Rent	O	W					
8. OPG LLC Lafayette Real Property (Los Angeles, CA) X	E	Rent	O	W					
9. Samuel S. Otero Jill Otero Trust (Los Angeles, CA and Glendale, CA)	E	Rent	O	W					
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16.									
17.									

1 Income Gain Codes: (See Columns B1 and D4)	A =\$1,000 or less F =\$50,001 - \$100,000	B =\$1,001 - \$2,500 G =\$100,001 - \$1,000,000	C =\$2,501 - \$5,000 H1 =\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	D =\$5,001 - \$15,000 H2 =More than \$5,000,000	E =\$15,001 - \$50,000
2 Value Codes (See Columns C1 and D3)	J =\$15,000 or less N =\$250,001 - \$500,000 P3 =\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	K =\$15,001 - \$50,000 O =\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	L =\$50,001 - \$100,000 P1 =\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 P4 =More than \$50,000,000	M =\$100,001 - \$250,000 P2 =\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	
3 Value Method Codes (See Column C2)	Q =Appraisal U =Book Value	R =Cost (Real Estate Only) V =Other	S =Assessment W =Estimated	T =Cash Market	

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VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS. *(Indicate part of report.)*

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IX. CERTIFICATION.

I certify that all information given above (including information pertaining to my spouse and minor or dependent children, if any) is accurate, true, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any information not reported was withheld because it met applicable statutory provisions permitting non-disclosure.

I further certify that earned income from outside employment and honoraria and the acceptance of gifts which have been reported are in compliance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. app. § 501 et. seq., 5 U.S.C. § 7353, and Judicial Conference regulations.

Signature: s/ Samuel J. Otero

NOTE: ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FALSIFIES OR FAILS TO FILE THIS REPORT MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS (5 U.S.C. app. § 104)

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